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PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION for
STATE OF WASHINGTON WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

February 24, 2006

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for the SR 20 Twisp East Fish Passage transportation project requesting a water quality certification in accordance with Section 401 of the federal Clean Water Act and the requirements of WAC 173-225.

This public notice is not an indication that Ecology or other state agencies have agreed with the proposed project. This notice is only intended to inform the public of the proposed project and solicit comments from local, state and federal agencies and the public.

EVALUATION: The decision to issue, deny or condition the water quality certification (WQC) will be based on the proposed project complying with the applicable provisions of the federal Clean Water Act and appropriate state aquatic protection requirements.

COMMENT AND REVIEW PERIOD: Ecology is soliciting comments from the public, state, and local agencies and officials, tribes and other interested parties in order to evaluate the impacts of the activity. Ecology will consider all comments to determine whether to approve, condition, or deny a certification for the proposed work. **Comments should be sent to:**

Kerry Carroll
Department of Ecology
P.O. Box 47600
Olympia, WA 98504-7600

The comment period will last 10 days, from February 24 to March 6, 2006.

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The following application for the SR 20 Twisp East Fish Passage transportation project has been received for 401 Water Quality Certification:

APPLICANT: Washington State Department of Transportation
North Central Region
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Wenatchee, WA 98807-0098

AGENT OR CONTACT: Mr. Don Morehouse, Documentation & Permit Specialist
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ECOLOGY PROJECT REVIEWER:
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FEDERAL AGENCY ACTION: The Corps of Engineers is reviewing this project under the Nationwide Permit Program. Final decision by the Corps of Engineers will determine if permit coverage under the nationwide permit program is appropriate or if an individual 404 permit will be required. In either case Ecology has determined that an individual 401 Water Quality Certification is required.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this project is to restore fish passage to Beaver and Fraser creeks and open valuable spawning and rearing habitat for fish species present in the Methow River.

LOCATION: The project is located near Twisp, Okanogan County on SR 20 at MP 205.8 and MP 206.9 – S23.14 T33N R22E.

WORK: Within the project limits specified above, two culverts will be replaced and the stream channels will be slightly realigned to correct the right angle entrance into the culvert at Beaver creek and at the outlet end of the culvert to correct the right angle exit at Fraser creek. Logs will be anchored at the inlet and outlet ends to prevent erosion without placing large rock in the creek. Rock weirs will be constructed in both new culverts for grade control. Bypass systems will be used at both locations so construction can be performed in the dry.

The proposed project is described in more detail in the Joint Aquatic Resource Permit Application submitted to the Department of Ecology on December 8, 2005.

APPEALS: If the water quality certification is issued, any person aggrieved may obtain review thereof by appeal. The applicant can appeal up to 30 days after receipt of the permit, and all others can appeal up to 30 days from the postmarked date of the permit. The appeal must be sent to the Washington Pollution Control Hearings Board, PO Box 40903, Olympia WA 98504-0903. Concurrently, a copy of the appeal must be sent to the Department of Ecology, Enforcement Section, PO Box 47600, Olympia WA 98504-7600. These procedures are consistent with the provisions of Chapter 43.21B RCW and the rules and regulations adopted thereunder.